

CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM
Interim Interagency Watershed Advisory Team
Meeting Summary

The CALFED Interim Interagency Watershed Advisory Team (IIWAT) met on April 17, 1998, to discuss the following:

- Revised CALFED principles for participation in watershed activities;
- revised proposed organizational structure;
- format for upcoming regional stakeholder meetings;
- CALFED Draft Watershed Management Strategy;
- update on BDAC events.

A list of those present at the meeting is attached.

CALFED Principles in Support of Watershed Activities

The CALFED Watershed Management principles for watershed activities were refined by the group. These principles are designed to apply to both watershed management plans and projects. It was suggested that these principles be incorporated into revisions of the Draft Watershed Management Strategy Appendix D. A comment was made that the overall Strategy language should strive for consistency with these principles.

The revised principles will be dispersed to the meeting participants for their review. Upon review, these principles will be distributed at the upcoming Regional Watershed Stakeholder Meetings.

Revised Proposed Organizational Structure

The proposed organizational structure diagram was revised and presented to the group. It was suggested that a 2-way arrow be placed between the "CALFED staff" box and the "Local and Regional Watershed Entities" box to illustrate that the CALFED agencies and staff are accessible to local watershed groups. It was also suggested that an additional box entitled "Watershed Management Work Group" be placed between the "IIWAT" box and the "Local and Regional Watershed Entities" box. The Watershed Management Work Group would consist of agency representatives and stakeholders and be responsible for various tasks as listed on the Proposed Organizational Structure.

The organizational structure will be revised based on these comments and distributed to the meeting participants for their review before the upcoming Regional Stakeholder Meetings.

Update: The organizational structure was reviewed by Lester Snow on 4/22. He has agreed to the concept of a Watershed Management Workgroup composed of stakeholders and CALFED

agencies. A revision was made to simplify the diagram for purposes of the stakeholder meetings (attached).

Format for Regional Stakeholder Meetings

The format for the upcoming Regional Stakeholder Meetings was also discussed by the group. It was explained that a meeting facilitator, Dale Flowers, would be present at both meetings to assist with the structure and flow of the meetings. Judy Heath will give a presentation on the CALFED Draft Watershed Management Strategy. Copies of the following documents will be available for distribution: CALFED Watershed Management Strategy (Draft), CALFED Principles for Watershed Activities (Draft), and the CALFED Watershed Management Program Proposed Organizational Structure (Draft). It will be emphasized that these documents are only drafts and there is ample time to express comments. It was suggested that the Strategy document also be placed on the Internet for easy access and viewing.

Although the meeting is intended to concentrate on the Watershed Management Program, it was recommended that a brief overview of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program as a whole be presented. Some concern was raised that the focus of the meeting may get off-base and move on to other areas of CALFED. It was suggested that a higher authority such as Lester Snow or Steve Yaeger be present at the meetings.

Update: Lester Snow intended to give the CALFED Bay-Delta Program presentation but was ill the day of the stakeholder meeting. Dick Daniel gave the presentation for Lester.

CALFED Watershed Management Program

A question was raised as to what exactly the Program does. It was explained that it is now one of six CALFED programs. The Program collaborates and integrates with watershed activities throughout both the upper and lower watersheds. The Strategy is to partner with federal, state, local government, community based watershed activities and local watershed groups to support projects linked to CALFED goals and objectives. It was pointed out that the Watershed Management Program is not meant to replace or direct watershed activities, but to dovetail existing activities and create a link to CALFED. The Program features mechanisms to enable watershed groups to effectively carry out activities and projects which are linked to CALFED. The Program has a strong regional/local element which relies almost exclusively on implementation at the local level.

Although the Program does not intend to direct regional or local watershed activities, some oversight - or tracking - of watershed activities by CALFED is necessary to ensure consistency in the following areas:

- *Monitoring* - CALFED should monitor watershed activities to ensure that protocols and assessments are standardized in some fashion so that data sets are comparable and useable for decisions.
- *Linked to Goals and Objectives* - CALFED needs to ensure that watershed activities

funded by CALFED are linked to the goals and objectives and that performance of projects is being evaluated.

- *Adaptive Management* - CALFED needs to make sure that funded watershed projects practice adaptive management so that they can adjust the project if it does not progress as planned.
- *Assurances* - CALFED needs to develop a mechanism to assure that watershed projects critical to the solutions to problems in the Bay Delta can be conducted. This may result in procurement arrangements, grants, cooperative agreements, cost share arrangements, etc.

BDAC Update

Eugenia Laychak updated the group on the May 14, 1998 BDAC meeting at the Redding Doubletree. The meeting is all day from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and timeframes are designated for each topic area. A key topic will be CALFED Bay Delta Watershed Management. The Draft Watershed Management Strategy and the results from the IIWAT and stakeholder meetings will be discussed. Judy has asked the IIWAT to be present at the BDAC meeting to help present the findings. The BDAC will be asked to comment on the Draft Watershed Management Strategy and the development of the Watershed Management Program.

Stakeholder Meetings

It was recommended that the IIWAT members arrive at the Regional Watershed Stakeholder Meetings approximately 10 minutes early to mingle and field questions. The Sacramento meeting will be held at the Secretary of State Building Auditorium, 1500 11th Street, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The Redding meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 1900 Hilltop Drive, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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